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1. Paul Bismark, co-chairman of the Brandenburg SED, will not be re-elected to that post at the provincial party conference on 5 December 1949. He has in any case been ill for the last several months. Most probable successor to Bismark is Dossow (fnu), the present SED party secretary for Kreis Luckenwalde. Dossow was born ca. 1908, was a member of the SPD until joining the SED, and has made a good record (from the SED point of view) in his position in Luckenwalde.
2. As yet no successor has been named for the post of Minister-President of Brandenburg vacated in October 1949 by Karl Steinhoff. According to leading SED circles in Potsdam, the most likely candidate is Rudi Jahn, currently the first chairman of the FDGB for Brandenburg.
3. At the regular staff meeting of the SED Brandenburg Headquarters on 29 Oct. 1949, Willy Saegerbrecht, co-chairman of the Brandenburg SED spoke for two hours on the problems facing the SED under the new east German government. In the course of this talk, he dwelt briefly on the possibility of a rapprochement between the KPD and the SPD in western Germany, expressing himself roughly as follows: "The recent community of action of the SPD and the KPD (referring to minor agreements at Bonn on isolated questions between the two parties, and to a recent instance in Hamburg where both parties left the floor together in protest over a proposed school law) is proof that the possibility exists of winning the cooperation of the SPD for our policies to a greater extent than heretofore." The whole tone of Saegerbrecht's remarks indicated that SED party functionaries were to slacken off slightly in their anti-SPD propaganda.
4. Saegerbrecht's concluding remarks were taken up with a criticism of SED handling of the "National Front propaganda campaign, the main criticism being that the role of the SED had often been over-emphasized, and not enough effort had been made to make the National Front appear to be a united policy of all parties. Posters such as "The National Front and the SED" had been discovered, he claimed, in Brandenburg, and had of course been at once removed as inept.
5. The Brandenburg SED Party Control Commission, headed by Heinrich Mosler, has the following sections:
 - a. Titoism, Trotzkyism, and Ostbuero-- under Lukacs (fnu).
 - b. "Past" (Vergangenheit)--under Erich Globig
 - c. Unknown -- under Watsky (fnu).

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